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FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING TABLE FLATWARE IS IN RESPONSE
TO PARA 2 REFTEL.

1. TYPES AND QUANTITY OF DOMESTIC PRODUCTION. EMBASSY CANNOT
OBTAIN VALUE OF FLATWARE PRODUCED, BUT TOTAL PRODUCTION FOR
THE YEARS 1973 TO 1976 HAS BEEN AROUND 1,200 METRIC TONS
ANNUALLY. THIS INCLUDES STAINLESS STEEL, SILVER PLATE, GOLD
PLATE, AND ORNAMENTAL.

2. FLATWARE EXPORTS TOTALLED 3.9 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1973
(ALL TO MOROCCO); 27 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1974 (3.1 MILLION
TO NIGERIA, 5.1 MILLION TO ALBANIA, AND 18.9 MILLION TO THE
US); AND 19.8 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1975 (18.3 MILLION TO THE
US, 700,000 TO EAST GERMANY, 500,000 TO NIGERIA, AND 300,000
TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

3. FLATWARE IMPORTS TOTALLED 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1973
(434,000 FROM POLAND, 311,000 FROM ITALY AND THE REST FROM
14 OTHER COUNTRIES); 2.76 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1974 (687,000
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FROM ITALY, 426,000 FROM THE UK, 360,000 FROM AUSTRIA,
404,000 FROM JAPAN AND THE REST FROM 15 OTHER COUNTRIES);
AND 3.77 MILLION DOLLARS IN 1975 (931,000 FROM JAPAN,
539,000 FROM CHINA, 465,000 FROM ITALY, 447,000 FROM GREAT
BRITAIN AND THE REST FROM 13 OTHER COUNTRIES). JAPAN AND
CHINA HAVE INCREASED THEIR FLATWARE IMPORTS TO YUGOSLAVIA FROM
39,000 DOLLARS IN 1973 TO 1.47 MILLION IN 1975.

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